



Meeting Minutes	April 13, 2017	Cutter Gallery
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Commissioners attending: Adria Arch, Barbara Costa, Carla Dorato, Jonathan Hyde, Stephanie Marlin-Curiel, Steve Poltorzycki, Leland Stein, Aimee Taberner, Marga Varea

The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm.

Minutes: Minutes for March 2, 2017 were unanimously approved.

Bike Path Art Project: Three art pieces, all temporary installations located on the Minuteman Bikeway, have been funded by the Arlington Cultural Council (ACC). Installation awaits confirmation that there is a green light to move ahead, which has been requested of Town Manager Adam Chapdelaine.

Charles Tracy: Representatives of Arlington Public Art met with Charles Tracy, an Arlington resident and a landscape architect with the National Park Service, who works with artists and arts organizations to bring art into the national park experience. Marlin-Curiel will contact him to explore the possibility of Tracy meeting with ACAC to discuss the process for obtaining federal grants or other federal assistance associated with bringing art into Arlington's paths and trails.

Cultural District: MCC is expected to vote in August on the status of the Cultural District application. One factor in the decision is expected to be the extent of connectivity on the Bikeway between East Arlington and Arlington Center. Taberner will attend a meeting of the Cultural District Managing Partnership and Cultural District Planning Committee in May and will suggest that the subject of connectivity (and how to promote it) be discussed at that meeting.

MAPC Cultural Plan: Arts and cultural organizations will be sent a survey. MAPC has secured funding to hire a staff member to focus on arts.

Strategic Planning: Town Planner Jenny Raitt has recommended that ACAC develop a strategic plan this year (following issuance of the TDC Arts Agencies Study) and has offered to facilitate a strategic planning session for this purpose.

TDC Arts Agencies Study: TDC, the consultants engaged by the DPCD to study the town's five arts-related entities as an adjunct to the Arts and Culture Action Plan, has completed the first round of interviews. The final study report is expected at the end of May 2017.

Budget Update: Arch, Hyde, and Marlin-Curiel met with Town Manager Adam Chapdelaine and Town Planner Jenny Raitt regarding the approved budget amount of \$25,000 for FY18 and expectations for how that budget should be spent. It is to be spent per ACAC's discretion, but there is an expectation that there be funding provided for the Poet Laureate up to \$500 and a preference by FinCom that the budget not be allocated to fund public events. Costa will be ACAC's liaison with the Poet Laureate.

Further discussion is required regarding the fate of approximately \$2,800 still uncommitted from the FY17 budget. This should be an agenda item for the next meeting. All ACAC members are requested to suggest at the next meeting options for dealing with this budget amount

Subcommittees: Ideas for the establishment of several new subcommittees of ACAC were discussed.

Branding Consultant: ACAC members are requested to suggest at the next meeting branding consultants who may be able to help implement the Cultural Plan (once it is finalized). Taberner will request of members of the Cultural District Managing Partnership suggestions on a branding consultant as well.

New Business:

Communication: A suggestion was voiced to make a greater effort to communicate among ACAC members the substance of meetings and other communications involving ACAC matters with non-ACAC members that take place in between regular ACAC meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.